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➢ ABRFC -- Arkansas-Red Basin River Forecast Center in Tulsa, OK

➢ ALERT – NWS's Automated Local Evaluation in Real Time gauge network

➢ Apex – Apex Digital Systems, Inc. (recently acquired by TerpSys) in Silver Spring, MD

➢ APRFC – Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center in Anchorage, AK

➢ AWIPS – Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System

➢ AWIPS I – AWIPS, first generation software, 1996 through 2009

➢ AWIPS II – AWIPS, second generation software, 2010 and beyond

➢ AWIPS II Extended – The phase of the AWIPS-II generation software beyond simple migration from AWIPS I. This includes topics such as CHPS integration, NAWIPS integration, Weather Event Simulator integration, and Thin Client development.

➢ BOC – Baseline Operational Capability; the first operational manifestation of CHPS at the 4 CAT RFCs

➢ BTG – NWS's Back-up Telecommunications Gateway at Mt. Weather, VA

➢ CAP – Common Alert Protocol starting to be used within NWS watch and warning public products

➢ CAT – CHPS Acceleration Team. Membership includes: HIC ABRFC (Billy Olsen), HIC CNRFC (Rob Hartman), DOH NERFC (Rob Shedd), DOO NOHRSC (John Halquist), HIC NWRFC (Harold Opitz), OHD Senior Scientist (Pedro Restrepo)

➢ CBRFC – Colorado Basin River Forecast Center in Salt Lake City, UT

➢ CHPS – Community Hydrologic Prediction System. Built upon Delft-FEWS for its infrastructure, CHPS also includes NWS-specific software components and models that assist with the flood forecasting function at all 13 NWS RFCs. Ultimately CHPS will facilitate the exchange of products and services among a hydrologic community broader than the NWS.

➢ CNRFC – California-Nevada River Forecast Center in Sacramento, CA

➢ CY – Calendar Year

➢ DailyQC – Data Quality Control functionality developed in the Western Region and implemented in the MPE application

➢ DCP – Data Collection Platform

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- GOES DCS – Data Collection System operated by NOAA's NESDIS

- Delft – Abbreviated name for WL | Delft Hydraulics, in the Netherlands

- Delft-FEWS – An open shell system created and maintained by WL | Delft Hydraulics, already in operational use by several countries in Europe. For information visit: http://www.wldelft.nl/soft/fews/int/index.html. The Delft-FEWS was selected as the CHPS software infrastructure in January 2008.

- Deltares – A Dutch institute formed January 1, 2008 from WL | Delft Hydraulics and others. Visit: http://www.deltares.nl/xmlpages/page/deltares_en.

- DHM – Distributed Hydrologic Model – An NWSRFS operation which uses a gridded rainfall-runoff and routing component to calculate flows

- DHR – Digital Hybrid Reflectivity radar product

- DOH – Development and Operations Hydrologist position at a River Forecast Center

- DOMSAT – Domestic communications Satellite

- DPA – Digital Precipitation Array precipitation radar product

- DRGS – Direct Readout Ground Station

- DWOPER – Dynamic Wave Operation – a hydraulic routing program developed by OHD and available for use within NWSRFS

- D2D – Display-2-Dimensions meteorological data viewer in AWIPS-I

- EDDN – USGS's Emergency Data Distribution Network

- EPG – Ensembles Product Generator

- EROS – USGS's Earth Resources Observation & Science data center in Sioux Falls, SD

- ESP – Ensemble Streamflow Prediction

- ESPADP – Ensemble Streamflow Prediction Analysis and Display Program

- FEWS – Flood Early Warning System; preferred usage is "Delft-FEWS" (defined above)

- FFG – Flash Flood Guidance

- FFMP – Flash Flood Monitoring and Prediction

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- FLDWAV – hydraulic routing model developed by OHD to supersede DWOPER; also available for use within NWSRFS

- FORTRAN – FORmula TRANslation; computer language

- FSS – Forecasting Shell Server (an architectural component of Delft-FEWS)

- FY – Fiscal Year

- GFE – Graphical Forecast Editor

- GOES – Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite

- GRIB – Gridded Binary data format

- HADS -- Hydrometeorological Automated Data System

- HAS – Hydrologic Analysis and Support position at a River Forecast Center

- HEC – The USACE's Hydrologic Engineering Center in Davis, CA

- HEC-RAS – USACE HEC's River Analysis System

- HEPEX – Hydrologic Ensemble Prediction eXperiment

- HIC – Hydrologist-In-Charge position at a River Forecast Center

- HL-RDHM – Hydrology Laboratory Research Distributed Hydrologic Model

- HPE – High-resolution Precipitation Estimator

- HPN – High-resolution Precipitation Nowcaster

- HSD – Hydrologic Services Division within NWS's OCWWS

- HSEB – Hydrologic Software Engineering Branch within OHD's Hydrology Laboratory

- HSMB – Hydrologic Science and Modeling Branch within OHD's Hydrology Laboratory

- HydroBase – Hydrologic Database Manager

- HydroView – Hydrologic Data Viewer

- HydroXC – Hydrology XML Consortium sponsored by OHD

- ICP – Interactive Calibration Program

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> ➢ IFP – Interactive Forecast Program

> ➢ IHFS – Integrated Hydrologic Forecast System

> ➢ IWRSS – Integrated Water Resources Science and Services

> ➢ LDM – Local Data Manager application from Unidata

> ➢ LMRFC – Lower Mississippi River Forecast Center in Slidell, LA

> ➢ LOOKUP3 – The NWSRFS three variable lookup operation which linearly interpolates for a dependent result given two dependent arguments and a defined family of curves depicting the relationship between the dependent and independent variables.

> ➢ MARFC – Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center in State College, PA

> ➢ MAXSTAGE – A method within the NWSRFS RES-J operation which computes a reservoir release based on the maximum permissible discharge at a given downstream control point.

> ➢ MBRFC – Missouri Basin River Forecast Center in Pleasant Hill, MO

> ➢ MC – Master Controller (an architectural component of Delft-FEWS)

> ➢ MDL – Meteorological Development Laboratory within NWS's OS&T

> ➢ MOD – Real-Time modifications to data, parameter, or state values within the NWSRFS which allow the forecaster to adjust the behavior of the models and operations during the forecasting process.

> ➢ MPE – Multi-sensor Precipitation Estimator suite of applications for managing model forcing data such as precipitation and temperature

> ➢ NCRFC – North Central River Forecast Center in Chanhassen, MN

> ➢ NERFC – Northeast River Forecast Center in Taunton, MA

> ➢ NESDIS – NOAA's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service

> ➢ NEXRAD – Next-Generation Radar; the NWS network of WSR-88D radars

> ➢ NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the U.S. Department of Commerce

> ➢ NOHRSC – National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center in Chanhassen, MN

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- NSOF – NOAA Satellite Operations Facility in Suitland, MD

- NSSL – NOAA's National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, OK

- NWRFC – Northwest River Forecast Center in Portland, OR

- NWS – NOAA's National Weather Service

- NWSEO – NWS Employees Organization (sometimes referred to as "the Union")

- NWSRFS – National Weather Service River Forecast System

- OBn.m – AWIPS Operational Build release number

- ObsFcstMonitor – Observed-Forecast Data Monitor application

- OCWWS – NWS's Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services in Silver Spring, MD

- Ofsde – A program which reads data from the IHFS_DB and creates a file used to transfer data to the NWSRFS data storage system

- OHD – NWS's Office of Hydrologic Development in Silver Spring, MD

- OHP – 16-level One Hour Precipitation radar product

- OHRFC – Ohio River Forecast Center in Wilmington, OH

- OSIP – NWS's Operations and Services Improvement Process

- OS&T – NWS's Office of Science and Technology in Silver Spring, MD

- PAL – Project Area Leader position within OHD's HSEB

- PostgreSQL – open source relational database management system

- PPS – The Precipitation Preprocessing Subsystem software, developed and maintained by OHD, for the NEXRAD RPG and TDWR SPG.

- PrecipMonitor (PrecipMon) – Precipitation Data Monitor application

- Python – A programming language

- QPE – Quantitative Precipitation Estimate

- QPF – Quantitative Precipitation Forecast

- Q2 -- NSSL's Next Generation QPE

- ➢ RAX – RFC Archiver

- ➢ RAXBase – RFC Archiver Database Manager application

- ➢ Res-J – Joint Reservoir Regulation Operation – The NWSRFS operation which models the operation of a system of reservoirs.

- ➢ ResSim – USACE HEC's Reservoir Simulation model

- ➢ RFC – A NWS River Forecast Center

- ➢ RiverMonitor (RiverMon) – River Data Monitor application, associated with PrecipMon

- ➢ RiverPro – River Product Formatter application

- ➢ ROC – NEXRAD Radar Operations Center in Norman, OK

- ➢ ROC checker – Rate-of-Change checking application

- ➢ RPG – NEXRAD Radar Product Generator

- ➢ RTi – Riverside Technology, Inc. in Fort Collins, CO

- ➢ SAC-SMA – Sacramento Soil Moisture Accounting – A hydrologic model implemented as an operation within the NWSRFS which parameterizes soil moisture characteristics.

- ➢ SEC – The Systems Engineering Center within NWS's OS&T

- ➢ SCAN – System for Convective Analysis and Nowcasting

- ➢ SERFC – Southeast River Forecast Center in Peachtree City, GA

- ➢ SNOW-17 – A snow accumulation and ablation model implemented within NWSRFS.

- ➢ SOA – Service Oriented Architecture

- ➢ SPG – Supplemental Product Generator for TDWR products to AWIPS

- ➢ SSHP – Site-Specific Hydrologic Predictor

- ➢ STP –16-level Storm Total Precipitation radar product

- ➢ SwEG – AWIPS Software Engineering Group integrated work team

- ➢ Swig -- An interface compiler that connects programs written in C and C++ with scripting languages such as Perl, Python, and Tcl

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- ➢ TDWR – FAA's Terminal Doppler Weather Radar system at U.S. airports

- ➢ TerpSys – An Information Technology consulting company in Rockville, MD that recently acquired Apex Digital Systems, Inc.

- ➢ THP –16-level Three Hour Precipitation radar product

- ➢ TIM – Technical Interchange Meeting

- ➢ TO n – Task Order number n

- ➢ Unidata – an organization within the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR); developer of the network Common Data Form (netCDF)

- ➢ USACE – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- ➢ USGS – U.S. Geological Survey

- ➢ VAR – Variational Data Assimilation function

- ➢ VTEC – Valid Time Event Coding for NWS public products such as watches and warnings

- ➢ WFO – A NWS Weather Forecast Office

- ➢ WGRFC – West Gulf River Forecast Center in Fort Worth, TX

- ➢ WHFS – WFO Hydrologic Forecast System

- ➢ WMO – World Meteorological Organization

- ➢ XEFS – eXperimental Ensemble Forecast System

- ➢ XML – eXtensible Mark-up Language